

MURÆNA MELEAGRIS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput læve. *Nares* tubulosæ. *Oculi* cute communi tecti.

Corpus teretiufculum, lubricum. *Pinna* caudæ coadunata dorsali analique.

Spiracula pone caput vel pinnas pectorales.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

MURÆNA nigricans, maculis creberrimis albis irrorata.

Fusca est pene nigricans elegantissima hæc Muræna, maculis parvis albis rotundatisque creberrime guttata, quæ versus caput collumque non fecernuntur æqualibus intervallis, sed confluunt magis quam in cæteris partibus. Longa conspicitur circa duos pedes, et in oceano australi innascitur.

THE
SPECKLED EEL.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Head smooth. *Nostrils* tubular.
Body serpentiform, smooth, mucous.
Dorsal, anal, and caudal fins united.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BLACKISH EEL, very thickly speckled with
white.

This most elegant species is of a deep brown or blackish color, and is very thickly beset on all parts with innumerable small round spots of white; which towards the head and breast are somewhat less regular, or more confluent than on the other parts of the animal. It is found of the length of about two feet, and is a native of the southern ocean.



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